

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred late Wednesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:41 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2019 on westbound Churchman's Rd (DE Rt. 58), just west of Churchman's Place. A 2016 Chrysler 300, operated by a 26 year old New Castle man was traveling westbound on Churchman's Rd., from the area of SR 1, in the right thru lane of travel. A pedestrian, identified as 56 year old Celestine Jenkins, also of New Castle was crossing Churchman's Rd. from the south to the north, just west of Churchman's Place. Jenkins was able to successfully cross the eastbound lanes of Churchman's Rd. but upon entering into the westbound lanes, she walked into the path of the Chrysler. The driver swerved in an attempt to avoid Jenkins but was unable to do so, with the front end of his vehicle striking her.

Jenkins, who was wearing all dark, non-reflective clothing, was not carrying any type of light and was also not using a marked pedestrian crosswalk, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Impairment on her behalf is undetermined at this time.

The driver of the Chrysler was transported to the Christiana Hospital for evaluation. Neither impairment nor improper driving are deemed as factors on his behalf.

Churchman's Rd. was closed for approximately 3 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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